

basis for my support. It is proper for the federal government to foster a regulatory framework that stimulates competition and encourages deployment of advanced services to people who live in small towns and rural communities.

IN HONOR OF GINA QUIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, please join me today in welcoming Ms. Gina Quin, Chief Executive Officer of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, to Cleveland as guest of honor at the Collins and Scanlon, 22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Open House.

Educated at University College Dublin with an undergraduate degree in psychology and a Master of Business Administration, Ms. Quin currently represents 3000 Business Members in the Greater Dublin City Area. Her position requires her to develop policy that will aid in the overall development of Dublin by maximizing enterprise and investment opportunities within the Capital city.

Ms. Quin has held various other executive positions before her appointment to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce in 2000. She was an executive for both Lansdowne Market Research and the Irish Export Board. For six years prior to her work with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Quin served as chief executive for Gandon Enterprises where she was responsible for managing business activities across both manufacturing and service industries.

My fellow colleagues, let us welcome our distinguished friend from Ireland, Mr. Gina Quin, to Cleveland to join in our celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

**SALUTING THE EXCHANGE CLUB
CASTLE PROGRAM OF FORT
PIERCE, FLORIDA**

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, next month marks an important milestone for those who battle child abuse. This will be the date when a key facility in my district marks its twenty year anniversary. In my community we are blessed to have as our neighbor the Exchange Club CASTLE program in Fort Pierce, Florida. In celebration of their 20 years of fighting violence against children, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this achievement.

The CASTLE program (Child Abuse Training and Life Enrichment) is a true American success story. In fact, what was once a small program has spawned a legion of 100 similar facilities in 27 states. CASTLE began two decades ago with a budget of just \$40,000 serving just 25 families and has grown exponentially. Today it provides crucial services to more than 10,000 families in and around my Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, child abuse is a silent scourge that strikes families from all walks of life and

in every community rich, poor, small and large. Without the services of agencies like the Exchange Club's CASTLE program, our nation would bear the burden of thousands more cases of child abuse and suffer the effects of families torn apart.

What makes CASTLE so successful is their broad approach to the problem, working not just with parents, but with community officials, educators and children themselves in many cases working to stop violence before it occurs. CASTLE has developed dozens of community-wide programs to target at-risk youngsters and ensure that those most in need get the care, comfort and protection our society owes to them. Their message has resonated loudly throughout Florida and across the country: violence has no place in our homes and families.

Mr. Speaker, April marks the start of national child abuse prevention month. I am proud to salute the Exchange Club's CASTLE program on this important occasion and look forward to their continued success in our community and throughout the state. They have indeed made our nation a better place to live.

IN HONOR OF SCOTT MICHAEL
DANIELSON

HON. EDWARD SCHROCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson who passed away in service to our nation during a training exercise on February 22, 2001.

Petty Officer Danielson was a member of U.S. Navy Seal Team Eight, based at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach, Virginia. A native of Royal Oak, Michigan, Petty Officer Danielson joined the Navy in 1992 and owing to his exemplary service, was given the opportunity of joining the elite Navy Seals.

Petty Officer Danielson served our nation supporting Task Force Falcon during Operation Guardian in Kosovo. During his outstanding career, Petty Officer Danielson earned several medals and commendations including the Navy Commendation Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Mr. Speaker, America lost one of her finest with the untimely passing of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson. His passing reminds us of the danger that the men and women of our military face in both times of peace and war.

Our grateful nation mourns the loss of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson and extends its sympathies to Scott's loved ones. His family should be proud of the life he lived and should never doubt the gratitude of his nation for his courageous and exemplary service.

REGARDING THE RECENT PRESIDENT BUSH DECISIONS TO RELAX ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the recent decisions by President Bush to renege on a campaign promise to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by power plants. The President in the last week and a half has also rescinded a strict new standard for arsenic levels in drinking water, suspended new cleanup requirements for mining companies, and threatening to challenge a logging ban on nearly 60 million acres of national forest land.

Americans want to have the environment dealt with in a responsible way, and this way does not include cutting the acceptable level of arsenic in our drinking water from 10 parts per billion to 50 parts per billion. A responsible way to deal with the environment does not include allowing electric utilities to decide not to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide. I am concerned that unilateral decisions are being made without thought about the long-term consequences that these decisions will have on our environment and the health of our people.

The United States-Mexico border suffers disproportionately from pollution. For example, my district of El Paso, Texas is an air-quality, non-attainment area and experiences huge problems with emissions from power plants and other airborne pollutants. If there is one thing that we cannot afford to do at this juncture in our history, it is to begin relaxing environmental standards in our country without taking into consideration the long-term effects of these actions.

I urge the administration and my colleagues in Congress to act in a more responsible manner when it comes to environmental policy and the development of legislation that may have dire long-term consequences.

IN HONOR OF JOHN D. BAKER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John D. Baker on being awarded the 2001 Irish Good Fellowship Club's Good Fellowship Award. This prestigious award is a well-deserved honor which recognizes the dedication and commitment John D. Baker has shown to his family and the workers of our nation.

John D. Baker has had three children during his forty years of marriage. Always ready with a smile or kind word, Mr. Baker has been a living example of compassion for his children. He has worked hard to make sure that they grew up in a loving, caring environment.

Throughout his life, John D. Baker has exhibited a dedication to working men and women throughout the Cleveland area. He has been an active member of the International Longshoremen's Association since 1959, and now serves as the Vice-President to that organization. John D. Baker has committed his life